

IN THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT

C5-84-2139

In re Law School Admission Council
Bar Passage Study

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners is charged with the responsibility of administering the process whereby attorneys are admitted to the practice of law in Minnesota;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners seeks to obtain additional information regarding the success and failure of all bar examinees in Minnesota and in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the Law School Admission Council has designed a national study of bar passage of all law school graduates;

WHEREAS, information gathered from this study should help bar examiners, as well as legal educators, social scientists, and others to better understand and develop methods to increase the success rates of students--particularly minority students--in legal education and bar admission;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners wishes to participate in such study and receive information generated as a result of such study;

WHEREAS, RULE VII of the Rules of the Supreme Court and State Board of Law Examiners for Admission to the Bar authorizes release of information upon order of the Court;

WHEREAS, the Law School Admission Council has the requisite resources, experience, and personnel to conduct a comprehensive study of national bar examination passage rates and to maintain the security of information used in the study;

WHEREAS, the Law School Admission Council has made a commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of the names of individual bar applicants;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby Ordered that the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners is authorized to release from its records the names, social security number, law school names and bar exam scores of Minnesota examinees who graduated from law school from 1988 until 1991, to the Law School Admission Council, for the limited purpose of participating in the Law School Admission Council Bar Passage Study.

DATED: June 19, 1991



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A. M. Keith, Chief Justice

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